

REFERENCE TITLE: legislative district committees; committee membership

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-823, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO POLITICAL PARTIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-823, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-823. Legislative district committee; organization;
5 boundary change; reorganization

6 A. A political party entitled to representation on the ballot
7 pursuant to section 16-801 or 16-804 may establish a district party
8 committee for any legislative district as prescribed by law.

9 B. A district party committee established pursuant to subsection A
10 of this section shall consist of the precinct committeemen residing in the
11 district and elected pursuant to section 16-821.

12 C. Each district party committee established pursuant to subsection
13 A of this section shall meet ~~no~~ NOT earlier than the second Saturday after
14 the general election provided for in section 16-211 and ~~no~~ NOT later than
15 the first Saturday in the following December and organize by electing from
16 its membership a ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON, two vice ~~chairmen~~ CHAIRPERSONS, a
17 secretary and a treasurer. The latter two offices may be filled by the
18 same person. In addition, the district party committee shall elect state
19 committeemen as prescribed by section 16-825. The chairman of the
20 district committee is ex officio a member of the county committee of the
21 county in which a plurality of the district's registered voters resides.

22 D. Each district party committee established pursuant to subsection
23 A of this section shall meet after the effective date of reapportionment
24 ~~legislation~~ that realigns or changes legislative district boundaries and
25 organize according to the new boundaries, electing from its membership a
26 ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON, two vice ~~chairmen~~ CHAIRPERSONS, a secretary and a
27 treasurer. The latter two offices may be filled by the same person. In
28 addition, the district party committee shall elect state committeemen as
29 prescribed by section 16-825. The chairman of the district committee is
30 ex officio a member of the county committee of the county in which a
31 plurality of the district's registered voters resides. ~~The effective date~~
32 ~~for reapportionment legislation as provided in this subsection shall be as~~
33 ~~provided in article IV, part 1, section 1, Constitution of Arizona.~~

34 E. ~~In the event~~ IF the reapportionment ~~legislation~~ is challenged in
35 court or by the United States justice department, the district
36 organizations in effect before the ~~passage~~ ADOPTION of the reapportionment
37 ~~legislation~~ shall continue to function along with the new district
38 organizations created in accordance with subsection D of this section
39 until the final settlement or adjudication of any legal challenge to the
40 reapportionment ~~legislation~~. On the final settlement or adjudication of
41 any legal challenge to the reapportionment ~~legislation~~ the district
42 organizations in effect before the ~~enactment~~ ADOPTION of the
43 reapportionment ~~legislation~~ are considered dissolved.

1 F. If the boundaries of any district are changed as a result of
2 legal action, each district party committee in that district shall meet as
3 soon as possible and organize according to the boundaries that result from
4 the legal action. On organization pursuant to this subsection all prior
5 district organizations are dissolved.

6 ~~G. For the purposes of the election prescribed in subsection D of
7 this section the district committee shall consist of all precinct
8 committeemen residing in the district who were serving in that position at
9 least thirty days before the enactment of reapportionment legislation.~~

10 ~~H.~~ G. The chairman of the legislative district committee shall
11 give notice of the time and place of the meetings prescribed by this
12 section by United States mail to each precinct committeeman at least ten
13 days before the date of the meeting. If the precinct committeeman has
14 provided a valid ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL address and has authorized the chairman to
15 give notice to the precinct committeeman by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL instead of by
16 United States mail, the chairman of the legislative district committee
17 shall provide notice of the meeting by ~~e-mail~~ EMAIL at least ten days
18 before the date of the meeting.